Nixon Plans Labor Day At Retreat

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Aug. 27 (UPI) — President Nixon plans to return to Washington later this week and will spend Labor Day weekend with his family at his Camp David mountaintop retreat, the White House announced today.

Mr. Nixon spent the day conferring with aides and reviewed a financial statement documenting the purchase of his Key Biscayne, Fla., and San Clemente properties.

Mr. Nixon's decision to cut short his California stay came as a surprise. Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren had announced earlier that the President would remain at his oceanside estate here through Labor Day.

Warren told reporters that the President met with Alexander M. Haig Jr., his chief of staff, and conferred by telephone with Secretary of State-designate Henry A. Kissinger and with counselor Melvin R. Laird who are at the White House.

In other developments, the White House announced:

• The appointment of career diplomat James E. Akins to be ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He would succeed Nicholas G. Thacher, who has held the post since Sept. 8, 1970.

• The nomination of Howard Jenkins Jr. of Washington for reappointment to the National Labor Relations Board for a third term.

• The designation of Richard W. Velde as deputy administrator of policy development of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, and resignation of Clarence M. Coster as associate administrator.